

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on Monday 4 September 2000, at 1930 hours at St Christopher's Church Centre, Holly Hill, New Street, Frankley.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter (In the Chair)

Councillors David Burton, Sidney Grey, Paul Kane, Joanna Walker and Geoffrey Williams.

MINUTES

- 7 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee held on 31 July 2000, having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

GENERAL FLOODING IN THE FRANKLEY AREA - UPDATE

Hereon, the Chairperson submitted the following letter from the Housing Department together with a Flood Management Action Plan –

(See interleaved document No 1)

- 8 The Chairperson then proceeded to give members a résumé of the action taken since the flooding on 6 July including details of the meeting chaired by Mr R Burden MP held to discuss the problem of flooding. One of the outcomes of the meeting was the establishment of two groups one of which was a Strategic Group which included representatives of the City Council's Transportation Department, Severn Trent Water, and the Environment Agency and whose remit was to consider ways of preventing future flooding. The other group established was a Constituency Task Force Flood Management Committee, details of which were set out in the letter from the Housing Department – Councillors Carter and Burton were members of that Task Force.

The Chairperson felt that it was obvious that the funding necessary to take the remedial action to prevent further flooding was not available and he was concerned that out of the 34 issues identified in the Action Plan, only 6 related to flood prevention work.

The next meeting of the Task Force would be held on 15 September and the Chairperson hoped that he would have received the Minutes of the meeting for inclusion on the Agenda for the next committee meeting.

Councillor Burton advised members that a small amount of funding had been identified by the Transportation Department who were going to carry out a survey of the drains etc in the Frankley area in an effort to identify the source of the problem and consequently estimate the cost of rectification. He also reported that since the meeting of the Task Force, he had shown a representative of the Housing Department the drains that were thought to be the cause of the flooding. These drains had now been attended to and he was pleased that the work had been done so quickly although until there was another storm the effectiveness of the drain cleansing would not be known.

Councillor Grey felt that all the drains which were identified as potential problems should be cleaned regularly.

There followed some further discussion during which it was agreed to look into the feasibility of providing those properties in Boleyn Road/Fisher Close that had suffered from flooding in the past with sandbags as a temporary measure.

The meeting ended at 20.00 hours

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Chairperson